

## NAYS—10

Barrasso	Cornyn	Inhofe
Bunning	Crapo	Kyl
Burr	DeMint	
Coburn	Enzi	

## NOT VOTING—14

Brown	Kennedy	Tester
Coleman	McCain	Thune
Ensign	Murkowski	Vitter
Graham	Obama	Wicker
Gregg	Pryor	

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SANDERS). On this vote, the yeas are 76, the nays are 10. Three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative, the motion is agreed to.

Mr. KYL. I move to reconsider the vote and to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

Mr. KYL. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Ms. KLOBUCHAR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

## MORNING BUSINESS

Ms. KLOBUCHAR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

## HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

## STAFF SERGEANT TRAVIS K. HUNSBERGER

Mr. BAYH. Mr. President, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor the life of SSG Travis K. Hunsberger from Goshen, IN. Travis was 24 years old when he lost his life on June 27, 2008, in Tarin Kowt, Afghanistan, from injuries sustained from an improvised explosive device. He was a member of the 2nd Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group of Fort Bragg, NC.

Today, I join Travis' family and friends in mourning his death. Travis will forever be remembered as a husband, son, brother, friend, and soldier. He is survived by his loving wife Hannah; his parents Steve and Ronda Hunsberger; his sister Kelsey; and his brother Kyle.

Travis graduated from Northwood High School in 2002 and attended Ball State for 2 years before enlisting. A family man, Travis invited his parents to Fort Bragg to witness a reenactment of his wedding. Travis had served once before in Afghanistan and sustained an injury, yet he never wavered in his commitment to his country or to the U.S. Armed Forces. Prior to Travis' redeployment, his father, Steve Hunsberger, told a local reporter that Travis had a choice of being on an "A

team" or a "B team," with the A team serving in a "more dangerous realm." Travis, unwavering in his bravery, chose the "A" team. His dedication to his country "is what brought him his greatest happiness," Kent Norr, associate pastor at Wakarusa Missionary Church, said. These words illustrate the passion Travis had for serving this nation, and his memory will endure through the many lives he touched.

While we struggle to express our sorrow over this loss, we can take pride in the example Travis set. Today and always, Travis will be remembered by family, friends and fellow Hoosiers as a true American hero, and we cherish the sacrifice he made while dutifully serving his country.

As I search for words to do justice to this valiant fallen soldier, I recall President Abraham Lincoln's words as he addressed the families of soldiers who died at Gettysburg: "We cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here." This statement is just as true today as it was nearly 150 years ago, as we can take some measure of solace in knowing that Travis' heroism and memory will outlive the record of the words here spoken.

It is my sad duty to enter the name of Travis K. Hunsberger in the RECORD of the U.S. Senate for his service to this country and for his profound commitment to freedom, democracy and peace. When I think about this struggle in which we are engaged, and the immeasurable pain that comes with so great a loss, I pray that Travis' family can find comfort in the words of the prophet Isaiah who said, "He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces."

May God grant strength and peace to those who mourn, and may God be with all of you, as I know He is with Travis.

## STAFF SERGEANT JAMES P. SNYDER

Mr. President, I also rise today with a heavy heart to honor the life of the brave staff sergeant from Nappanee, IN. James Snyder, 48 years old, died on May 10, 2008, at Fort Benning, GA, from injuries sustained in January from a roadside bomb explosion in Baghdad, Iraq. With an optimistic future before him, James risked everything to fight for the values Americans hold close to our hearts, in a land halfway around the world.

For James, military service was a family tradition. His family has valiantly served in the military since World War I, and James was proud to take up that mantle. Originally from Columbus, IN, James was a lifelong Hoosier. He graduated from Wawasee High School and joined the Armed Forces in 1989. A career soldier, James was on his 3rd tour of duty in Iraq

when he was injured. He also served in Operation Desert Storm in 2005.

Those who knew James best recall a patriotic man who loved history. He was devoted to his family and cared deeply for his fellow soldiers. During his time at Fort Benning, he often spoke of his need to return to Iraq to take care of his comrades. His great example of service and character inspired his two nephews, Jeremiah Mench and Steven Keller, to enlist in the Army.

Today, I join James' family and friends in mourning his death. James will forever be remembered as a loving husband, father, son, brother, and friend to many. He is survived by his wife Christine Hochstetler; his children Dourlas, Karlene, and Joseph; his mother Donna; his brothers David, Daniel, and Paul; and his sisters Lorree, Laura, and Neva.

While we struggle to bear our sorrow over this loss, we can also take pride in the example he set, bravely fighting to make the world a safer place. It is his courage and strength of character that people will remember when they think of James, a memory that will burn brightly during these continuing days of conflict and grief. Today and always, James will be remembered by family members, friends and fellow Hoosiers as a true American hero, and we honor the sacrifice he made while dutifully serving his country.

As I search for words to do justice in honoring James' sacrifice, I am reminded of President Lincoln's remarks as he addressed the families of the fallen soldiers in Gettysburg: "We cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here." This statement is just as true today as it was nearly 150 years ago, as I am certain that the impact of James' actions will live on far longer than any record of these words.

It is my sad duty to enter the name of James P. Snyder in the RECORD of the U.S. Senate for his service to this country and for his profound commitment to freedom, democracy and peace. When I think about this just cause in which we are engaged, and the pain that comes with the loss of our heroes, I hope that James' family can find comfort in the words of the prophet Isaiah who said, "He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces."

May God grant strength and peace to those who mourn, and may God be with all of you, as I know He is with James.

## IDAHOANS SPEAK OUT ON HIGH ENERGY PRICES

Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, in mid-June, I asked Idahoans to share with me how high energy prices are affecting their lives, and they responded by